

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment filed with this nationalization of PCT/EP03/06996, applicants have replaced the European form claims with claims of similar content having a form that more closely reflects the rules of practice of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. For example, the new claims avoid any use of improper multiple dependency and any inappropriate use of disjunctive phrases. Further, appropriate sub-titles have been introduced into the specification, and a substitute abstract is provided that avoids use of claim terms such as “comprising” and “means”.

With the forgoing changes to the specification and claims, the present application is believed to be placed in condition for examination and allowance.

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